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1. The 1950 fall maneuvers of the Rumanian Army were conducted in Little Walachia during the period from 20 to 28 September. One group of forces took up position in the area west of the Olt River and another group of forces in the area east of the Olt River. The maneuvers began with an attack by the western group, which crossed the Olt River between Stoenesti (R 33/34/B 31) and Ionesti (R 33/34/B 29), driving eastward. Having repelled this attack, the eastern group passed to the offensive, crossing the Olt River and pursuing the retreating western group as far as the Craiova (R 33/34/A 83) area. It originally had been planned to continue the pursuit as far as the Turnu Severin (R 23/24/E 98)-Filiasi (R 23/24/A 60)-Targu Jiu (R 25/V 42) area, with elements of the western group retreating to the Banat via Turnu Severin and Hateg (R 25/V 28).
2. The maneuvers were concluded by a parade in Craiova on 28 September, with Minister of Defense Bodnaras reviewing the troops. Weapons observed during the parade included about 40 medium tanks, with five large bogie wheels per side, and guns of 70 to 80 mm caliber; about 15 armored vehicles with six bogie wheels and three track-supporting rollers per side; about 20 tanks of a lighter type mounting a small-caliber gun; mortars of 40 to 50 mm caliber and about 80 mm caliber; truck-drawn field guns of about 75 mm caliber; horse-drawn AT guns of about 75 mm caliber; artillery pieces of about 100 mm caliber, drawn by track-laying prime movers; horse-drawn guns of 40 to 50 mm caliber; AA guns of 20 and 37 mm caliber; truck-drawn AA guns of about 80 mm caliber on four-wheel mounts; and about 30 sidecar motorcycles with 3-man crews, and one light machine gun.

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- 25X1 3. Motor vehicles in the maneuver area included Ford Marmon trucks
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with black epaulets, and towing artillery pieces, the latter
three of about 75 mm caliber/

4. About 30 JS tanks, which did not participate in the parade in
Craiova, were observed in the woods of Parsani, about 18 km
east of Craiova, on the road to Slatina (R 33/34/B 24).
5. Some units which participated in the maneuvers were later ob-
served to leave for their home stations. *

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mentary information which had been announced was presumably lost.

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